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National Building Museum Has Greenbelt Scenes in Exhibition

by Altoria Bell Ross

Greenbelt goes national. That is, Old Greenbelt is on display at the National Building Museum in downtown Washington, D.C., in the exhibit, "Affordable Housing: Designing an American Asset." The show that opened on February 28 features historic and newer homes representing affordability and good design and proving that such design is possible even within the tight budgets associated with low-cost housing.

Greenbelt is prominently showcased in a historical timeline of affordable housing advocacy and legislation from 1848 to the present. Visitors can see several visual highlights of Greenbelt life. Photographs taken from 1938 to 1940 grace the Greenbelt panel: resettlement administrator Rexford G. Tugwell examining the foundation of houses under construction; a woman, cooking in a kitchen; children bicycling to and playing in a recreation area; and a man trimming hedges to the compulsory height.

The accompanying text ex-

plains that Greenbelt was funded by the Resettlement Administration as an all-white but religiously inclusive community that opened in 1937. The exhibit describes how the government's plans combined masonry town houses, prefabricated detached houses and garden apartments. The Center School (now the Greenbelt Community Center), a town center with shops, walkways, parks and playgrounds are all mentioned. The exhibit mentions "the addition of less-distinguished frame houses for defense workers" during World War II, doubling the city's original 885-unit capacity.

"Affordable Housing: Designing an American Asset" further compares Greenbelt with Langston Terrace in Northeast Washington. Common ties include a super-block site strategy that separates pedestrians from cars, provides single-purpose roads and avoids through streets; and the inclusion of playgrounds and figurative public art. "Both projects are meant to instill a sense of common pride among

carefully selected residents," the exhibit panel boasts.

However, while the area around Langston Terrace is under-equipped, the exhibit states that Greenbelt provides its residents the commercial and leisure infrastructure of a comprehensively planned new town. It goes on to say that Greenbelt was sold to its residents in 1952 as a co-op and is now a National Historic Landmark. Langston Terrace is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and on the D.C. Preservation League's list of most endangered places.

In addition to the historical timeline, the exhibit includes photographs, drawings, models, and videos of 18 newer affordable housing projects from across the country selected for their design excellence.

"Affordable Housing: Designing An American Asset" continues at the National Building Museum at 401 F Street, NW, through August 8. Admission is free. The museum is accessible by Metro.

Catholic School Graduate Award To Greenbelter Kathryn Labukas

by Leslie Hilliard

The hallmark of Catholic elementary school education is the accomplishments of its graduates. This year Kathryn Labukas, from the St. Hugh's graduating class of 1964, was honored on January 25 with the NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award, Catholic Elementary School. Kathryn has devoted her career to providing community support and education to children with learning disabilities, emotional and physical impairments and mental retardation. "I am surprised and honored," Labukas said, "and grateful to those who nominated me."

Kathryn, along with her brother Peter, Jr., (class of '67) and sisters Elizabeth and Lynn Labukas (class of '75) grew up in old Greenbelt, first in the 25 Court Ridge Road and then on Lakeside Drive. Her parents were the late Peter and Eileen Labukas. Of her early St. Hugh's school days, she remembers that "Students who lived close to the school had the option to go home for lunch! But best of all, once a month, the entire school had a luncheon. Mothers cooked the best steamed hot dogs and provided cupcakes for each class. Along with potato chips, this was always a



Kathryn Labukas (left) receives NEA Distinguished Graduate Award from Elizabeth Whelan, principal of St. Hugh's School.

lunch we looked forward to."

Labukas graduated from Regina High School (Adelphi) and then obtained a B.S. in elementary education and special education from the University of Dayton (Ohio). Years later she returned to school and earned a M.Ed. in learning disabilities from Loyola College (Baltimore) and an administrative/supervisory certification from Trinity College (Washington, D.C.).

Her work with children with special needs started at home, as her sister Elizabeth was born with Down Syndrome. As a special educator in Prince George's County elementary schools (Glenarden Woods, Cooper Lane,

James Ryder Randall, Thomas Stone) Labukas developed and implemented special education and community outreach programs for students with learning disabilities, emotional and physical impairments and mental retardation. After 30 years of service with the Prince George's County public school system, she retired in 2002 from her position as principal of Tanglewood Special Center, a school for students with severe/profound multiple disabilities between the ages of 5 and 21.

Still active in retirement, Labukas is the president of the Prince George's County Chapter 262 of the Council for Exceptional Children, an international professional organization devoted to improving educational outcomes for individuals with disabilities. In addition, she is an executive board member of the Prince George's County Resource Connections Agency, which is funded by federal, state and county monies to provide resources and monitor the service plans and living arrangements for developmentally disabled adults. She also has begun work

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Democratic Club "Sweethearts" Talk about New City Facilities

by James Giese

Greenbelt City Animal Warden Susie Hall and Assistant Recreation Director for Facilities Joe McNeal were designated this year's "Valentine Sweethearts" by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club at its February 20 meeting. A non-political recognition begun about eight years ago, the sweetheart designation is a way to recognize city employees and to learn more about their work. Mayor Judith Davis introduced the honorees who each spoke briefly about their work and new facilities in the planning stages – an animal shelter and a skateboard park.

Hall has been animal warden for almost three years. The city's third annual pet exposition, which she helped initiate, will be held in May. The expo is used to inform residents about city rules and regulations and how to care for pets. Greenbelters comply very well when it comes to matters of pet abuse and neighbor complaints, she says. "Greenbelt is a great place to work."

Animal Shelter

Hall displayed preliminary plans for a new animal shelter

building to be located on Ridge Road on the north side the Greenbelt Police Facility parking lot. Budgeted at \$100,000, the building will have five dog pens, a room for cages for cats and exotic animals and a viewing room for persons seeking lost pets or to adopt an unwanted stray. Hall says the facility will be a leader among municipal facilities. Presently animals are placed in just a room at the Public Works facility or left in the care of temporary caregivers or sent to the Prince George's Animal Control Shelter.

The Pet Expo will be May 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. "The expo gets larger every year," Hall says. Featured this year will be Michael Fox from the Washington Post, Rick Chase and some dancing dogs. It will be very informative, Hall added.

Problems

One unusual case was the capture of an eight foot Burmese Python at Greenbelt Lake. It was an abuse case, Hall said, as the cold weather was unsuitable for the release of such an ani-

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HLEPER Is Now a Regular On News Review Staff

by Judy Bell

An ad for proofreaders, "We need HLEP?" that Pat Davis saw in the spring of 1990 lured her into volunteering for the Greenbelt News Review. Responding, she proofread on Wednesday nights for years.

Then one day in 1998 Barbara Likowski, assistant editor, asked her to do layout. She agreed. Eventually she started going with the editor on Thursdays to review the final version of the paper with the pre-print contractor.

Davis continued with that assignment until she added word processing to the list after she retired from her regular job in 2001. Then she began coming in on Tuesday afternoons to type the first drafts of stories for the News Review's weekly issue. Her current assignment is writing



the weekly police blotter.

"I enjoy it," remarked the devoted volunteer. "It started out as something to occupy my time. I like the people and it's my way of giving back to the community."

As if that weren't enough, Davis was elected to the News Review Board in 2003 during an annual meeting that she couldn't attend. "You should never miss an annual meeting," she quipped.

Davis grew up in Greenbelt in the '40s and '50s as Pat Oliver, living with her parents in a one-bedroom apartment on Parkway. The family later moved to the 33 Court of Ridge, where they lived until she was nine. At that time they moved

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What Goes On

Wednesday, March 17

8 p.m., City Council Worksession on Playgrounds Report, Community Center

Thursday, March 18

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center Gallery. All interested people are welcome to attend.

Letters to the Editor

Referendum Needed To Site Slots

Would you like to have the opportunity to veto a slots house or casino in your neighborhood or do you think a gambling house is such an essential social service needed by the larger community that the State should be able to site it over the objections of people who live in the vicinity? At the Saturday town hall meeting with our District 22 delegation, I asked the delegates if they would support amending any likely-to-pass slots bill to require a referendum of all voters within a five-mile radius of a site as part of the site approval process. They all agreed to support such an amendment.

I forgot to stipulate that any referendum should be accompanied by a neutral voter guide with an explanation for and against, mailed to every eligible voter (to mitigate against big-money distortion of the issue). I made it clear that I would prefer not to pass slots in the first place (there are other revenue sources and, if the governor vetoes, the legislature ought to try to override), so I'm against pushing legislators to support a slots bill after attaching the referendum amendment. But at least let's get the referendum attached in case the bill passes anyway. A referendum wouldn't protect only Greenbelt, it would allow every community in the state to protect itself if it sees a gambling house in its midst as damaging or to welcome it if selected and it's seen as a boon rather than a threat.

Contact your friends from other parts of the county and other counties to encourage their legislators to support a local referendum as requirement for approving a site.

Stephen Jascourt

"Artistic License" Affects Portrayal

While I did not agree with Leonie Penney that the movie "The Passion of the Christ" should not be shown at the Greenbelt theater, I did share her concern as to how those who saw the movie might interpret and react to its message. The letter in last week's News Review by James Felten justifies her concerns. In the letter Felten complains that the media criticism of the movie is really

an attack on the Bible. But a few lines later he sort of recants this by stating that the press reports that Gibson's presentation was faithful. I do not know what press he reads but almost all of the press reports I read of the movie claimed that Gibson played loose with the facts. In fact, Gibson himself admitted that he used artistic license in how he interpreted some of the facts to be consistent with the point he was trying to make in the movie.

This is my concern and should be the concern of others. If Felten believes that the movie is accurate and portrays what occurred at that time, then he has to accept one of the premises of the movie, namely that the Jews murdered Jesus. This despite the fact that the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) issued a proclamation repudiating the idea that the Jewish people were guilty of "deicide." I would like to remind Felten that the acceptance of the belief that the Jews murdered Christ was and is the basis for a lot of anti-Semitism.

Harvey Geller

Beavers, Again!

Oh, yes, and they're busily removing many trees that are two to four inches in diameter. Larger trees have been girdled for later removal. This is on both sides of the lake and beyond the trail on the south side.

Is the city going to be planting and protecting new trees soon or will erosion gradually cause the sides of the streams feeding the lake to disappear and the south-side trail along with it? Just curious.

Margaret D. Zanin

Thanksgiving In March

"Three Voices," the Artful Afternoon feature presentation given by performance artist Joyce Jefferson, Dakota historian Joyzelle Godfrey and cultural anthropologist Lilah Pengra was a ringing affirmation of wise, compassionate woman spirit overcoming greed, prejudice and violence. On behalf of all of us who were privileged to witness their stories I want to express my deep gratitude and high pride in Greenbelt Community Center for hosting this superb, professional and inspiring drama.

Marjorie Gray



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Ruth Mathes, longtime Greenbelter, who died on February 20, 2004.

From Virginia comes word of the death of former Greenbelter Harry Grant. Friends may attend a memorial service for him on Saturday, March 27, 2004.

Get well wishes go to former Greenbelter Barbara Tanen who is recovering from surgery. She would welcome cards at 7013 Wallace Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243.

Parental Involvement Is Board Topic

The Master Plan Committee of the Prince George's County Board of Education will meet on Monday, March 15 at the Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the Board Executive Room.

The topic of discussion will be "Parental Involvement: Next Steps." All stakeholder groups are encouraged to attend. Public participation will be permitted.

For more information, contact Amber Wilson, executive assistant, at 301-952-6239, or Elizabeth Davis, special assistant to the CEO at 301-952-6333.

Post Office Holds Spring Food Drive

Post Offices in Washington, D.C. and Maryland, in conjunction with area food banks, are holding the annual Harvest for the Hungry spring food drive on Saturday, March 13 through Saturday, March 20. Anyone wishing to donate food can do so by leaving their nonperishable food donations at their mailbox for pickup by their letter carrier or within specially marked containers in post office lobbies.

Registration Re-opens

Voter registration is open again 10 days after the March 2 Presidential primary election. A voter registration application may be submitted to the Prince George's County Board of Elections, 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive, Suite 204, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-3070 or call 301-952-3270 to have an application form mailed. Registration will be closed again 20 days before the November 2 Presidential general election and re-open 10 days after the election.

The Old Curmudgeon

"THE PASSION OF JESU"



I.J. PARKER ©2004

"I understand it's a 'who-done-it' movie."

NAMI to Discuss Problem Solving

A workshop on "Problem Solving" will be presented by the Prince George's Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill on Thursday, March 18, 7 to 9 p.m. The workshop will be held at the New Carrollton Municipal Center,

6016 Princess Garden Parkway. This session will be a follow-up to the November meeting on enabling behavior. The workshop is free. For more information, call Jane Kelley at 301-577-6026.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Donation Drop Off Saturday, 9am - Noon, Behind Municipal Bldg.



The Greenbelt Community
is invited to share in a discussion of
"The Passion of the Christ"
Wed., March 17 at 7:00 p.m.
(Youth through Senior Adults)

This movie has evoked many strong reactions from the media and viewers. Please join us in sharing your thoughts and impressions of the movie and explore some of the Biblical truths leading up to and following Christ's sacrifice.

Location: Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
(301) 474-4212

Please join us for our family fellowship meal at 6:00 p.m.
Space for meal is limited, please reserve by Monday 15th.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of March 12

THE PASSION OF THE
CHRIST (R)

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for this film

Friday
*4:15, 7:20, 9:50

Saturday
*1:15, *4:15, 7:20, 9:50

Sunday
*1:15, *4:15, 7:20

Monday-Thursday
*4:30, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com

Community Events

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

We are moving into spring at a very fast clip and the Golden Age Club is planning lots of activities. The birthday lunch will be March 17 (wear green for St. Patrick's Day!) and on March 21 we will have a speaker to tell us about cell phones available to seniors for calls to 911. On March 16 the club will travel to Chesapeake City for lunch, shopping and visiting historic sights. The anniversary luncheon will be at La Fontaine Bleu on April 21. Dues must be paid and guests are welcome.

Congratulations to two of our members who celebrated birthdays this month. Flo Holly enjoyed her 95th and Ottilie Van Allen her 100th. Flo is a past president of the club and doesn't miss many meetings. Ottilie is in a nursing home in Florida.

Mary Geiger was the greeter at the March 3 meeting. Ken Keeney and Leney Holohan were the 50/50 winners.

It's great to see so many members at meetings and on trips.

Greenbelt CARES

The week of March 1, Judge Hering began publicizing the spring session for CARES GED course. Registration will be held on Tuesday, April 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Council Room. This 10-week course will review the five subject areas and prepare students to take the GED test.

Writers Critique Themselves Mar. 19

Get work critiqued at the Greenbelt Writers Group meeting on March 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Send work to the group's listserve prior to the meeting at gwg-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Critiquers will be kind. For more information, call 301-982-0365.

Senior Counseling By R.N. Available

Effective Wednesday, March 24, Registered Nurse-counselor Helen Barnes from the Department of Family Services/Aging Division will provide free one-time consultations for seniors on issues related to family or other personal topics. The new location for these sessions will be the Greenbelt CARES office located on the first floor of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Barnes will be available on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. To learn more or to schedule a one-on-one session, contact Barnes at 301-265-8454. Clients needing additional services will be referred to appropriate providers.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Tuesday, March 16, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for newborns to 18 months with caregiver – limit 15 children.

Wednesday, March 17, 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time for ages 18 to 36 months with caregiver – limit 15 children.

Thursday, March 18, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5 – limit 20 children.

Adult Programs

Wednesday, March 17, 2 p.m. Book discussion on Maria Arana's "American Chica."

GATE to Host Annual Meeting

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) will host its annual meeting on Sunday, March 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the GATE studio. All members are encouraged to attend. The meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Richard Lobelson of Utopia Video Services will give a presentation on sound setups for different types of video field shoots. He will be demonstrating on GATE equipment plus additional pro equipment.

The GATE Studio is located on the second floor across from the multi-purpose room of the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

For more information contact Malia Murray at 301-507-6581.

Dems Plan Annual Social Night Out

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club monthly meeting on Friday, March 19 will be the club's Annual Social Night Out. This year the event will be dinner at 6 p.m. at the Beijing Restaurant, followed by a performance of "Nunsense II" at the Greenbelt Arts Center at 8 p.m.

Ticket information may be obtained from Sylvia Lewis, treasurer, at 301-474-3635 or from Bob or Lyn Doyle, Ways and Means co-chairs, at 301-441-2585.

A regular business meeting, on the third Friday of each month, will be held on April 16 at 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building.

Sinatra, Ice Cream At Seniors' Program

The Greenbelt Recreation Department's Senior Center is hosting its eighth annual Ice Cream Social for senior citizens on Friday, March 19. This free program will begin at 1 p.m. in the Community Center gym where Richard Garnett, "Richie G.," will be performing "A Touch of Sinatra."

Senior citizens will be able to socialize, relax and be entertained with the sounds of Frank Sinatra and, after the performance, make ice cream sundaes. The ice cream will be available beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the dining room. All senior citizens are encouraged to attend this delightful afternoon. For more information, call the Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.

GHI Notes

The following meetings will take place at Greenbelt Homes, Inc., next week:

Monday, March 15 – Companion Animal Committee, 7:30 p.m. Conference Room

Tuesday, March 16 – Member & Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m. Board Room

Thursday, March 18 – Finance Committee, 7 p.m. Board Room

Saturday, March 20 – Pre-purchase orientation, 11 a.m. Board Room

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Community Church Hosts Piano Duo

by Rick Ransom

The Octava Piano Duo, which features Wei-Der Huang, music director of Greenbelt Community Church, and her partner Hsien-Ann Meng, will perform on Sunday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church. They will play piano four-hand music by J. C. Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Clark, Barber and a duet for organ and piano. A free-will offering will be collected, part of which will go to help the church pay for expensive organ repairs.

Since its formation in October 2001, the Octava Piano Duo has been praised for their "as-one" collaboration, heart-felt performance and diversified programs. One of their recent accolades came from the Greenbelt News Review's own Judy Bell. Bell described Octava's performance of a Beethoven Variations "executed with masterful precision," Bizet's Children's Games "Every tempo and tone was in evidence . . . all beautifully interpreted by Octava" and Chen's Once Upon a Spider "played with vigor and alacrity."



Wei-Dur Huang and Hsein Ann Meng

Friends since their graduate studies days, Huang and Meng both obtained their musical arts doctorates from the University of Maryland at College Park. They are currently on the music faculty at Howard Community College and Washington Conservatory of Music. Since forming the Octava Piano Duo, they have performed in well-known venues in the Washington metropolitan area such as Strathmore Hall, Levine School of Music, Washington Conservatory of Music, Charles Sumner School Museum, Smith Theatre at Howard Community College and on the West Coast and in Tiawan in 2003. In the coming summer they will participate in the first summer music camp at Howard Community College.

For more information contact octtavapianoduo@yahoo.com.

Call for Volunteers At Greenbelt Park

Come join a park ranger and neighbors at Greenbelt Park to help the environment, split campfire wood and paint some woodbins. Meet at the ranger station near the campground on Saturday, March 13 at 10 a.m. Large groups should call ahead. For details, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree>.

Mishkan Torah Sisterhood Seder

A multi-traditional, music-rich, reconstructed Passover Seder

Saturday, March 20, 6 p.m.

Call Annie to RSVP, 301-345-8475

Prices:

\$25 per adult, \$15 per teen, \$10 per child (under 5, free)

Deadline March 14

CCRIC Is Busy Restoring Anacostia River Tributary

by Mary Moien

Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, March 21 at 2:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. CCRIC is an all-volunteer grassroots organization working to monitor, protect and restore its namesake tributary to the Anacostia River. All interested persons are invited to this event where the group will recommit to the goals, elect officers and discuss current developments.

Film Preview

At the beginning of the meeting, the Anacostia Watershed Society will preview a film on the Anacostia River. (The film will have its first public viewing at the Environmental Film Festival at the National Building Museum on March 27.) The film was produced by Emmy Award-winning film producer Todd Clarke and highlights the social and environmental history of the river and how community involvement is helping to restore this unrealized treasure. The society will

also show slides on stream bank stabilization and work they did on Indian Creek in Berwyn Heights in January.

Cleanup Day

Indian Creek Stream Cleanup Day will be Saturday, April 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be two locations this year. One is the "cement mountain" on the property the state bought at the Greenbelt Metro Station. The second is in Berwyn Heights near Lake Artemesia. In both sites dress to get wet and dirty. For details call 301-441-3844.

Other Projects

CCRIC is partnering with Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources in installing a demonstration rain garden at Berwyn Heights Town Hall. The group is also sponsoring rain barrel workshops with the county. More details will be discussed at the annual meeting.

More information about CCRIC can be found on its website: www.greenbelt.com/civic/CCRIC.



Octava Piano Duo

Wei-Der Huang & Hsien-Ann Meng

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A Piano Four-Hand Concert

Sunday, March 21st, 2004 at 7:30pm

Greenbelt Community Church

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Saturday, March 13

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Born 8-1-95 thru 1997

and

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Born 8-1-91 thru 7-31-95

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Resident \$25

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Copy of birth certificate is required.

Sibling \$15

Sibling \$30

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

Clinic for NEW Major League Players

Sat., March 20 from 10 a.m. to noon

at McDonald Field 7 Court Southway

Obituaries

Ruth M. Mathes

Ruth M. Mathes, 75, of the 18 Court of Ridge Road, died of complications from surgery at Prince George's Hospital Center on February 20, 2004. She had lived in the Washington, D.C., area for over 50 years.



Born in Orange, N.J., she graduated from Milburn High School in New Jersey and later earned a bachelor of arts degree from George Washington University.

Mrs. Mathes was employed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. She worked in a planning unit organizing public meetings on river basin plans. Then she worked for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the Washington headquarters office.

Mrs. Mathes also worked for the Maryland Department of the Environment (part of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene until 1986). She was public participation coordinator for the Water Management Administration from 1981 until she retired in 1996. Her responsibilities included providing staff support to the State Water Quality Advisory Committee; identifying topics to be studied by a group, setting meeting dates, places and agendas; taking meeting minutes; distributing meeting materials and other relevant materials to a mailing list of over 200. She was also responsible for assuring public exposure and participation of local people in all sewerage projects in Maryland funded by federal (EPA) Clean Water Act funds. This involved assuring adequate public notice of all public meetings and public hearings on sewerage projects, attendance and certification to EPA of adequate public participation in project planning before the EPA funds were awarded.

After retirement from state government she helped to establish and later served as president of the Cove Point Trust. The trust was dedicated to the conservation of the Cove Point area in Maryland. While continuing its oversight of the liquid natural gas terminal site, the trust also purchased land (one or more

with houses) in the Cove Point area and returned the land to its natural state.

Mrs. Mathes was an active volunteer for the Sierra Club. She volunteered for the Maryland Conservation Council. As a representative of the Sierra Club's work in the Cove Point Trust, she was instrumental in securing agreement for conservation of lands owned by a private company, site of a liquid natural gas terminal.

Mrs. Mathes was a member of Berwyn Baptist Church, College Park. She participated in many activities in Greenbelt.

Her marriage to Robert H. Mathes ended in divorce.

She is survived by children Robert I. Mathes, Oceanside, Calif., and Joyce Gaulait, Laurel and sister Joyce Harrell.

A memorial service was held on March 4, 2004, in Berwyn Baptist Church. Arrangements were made by the Donald Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to the Cove Point Trust Fund or Berwyn Baptist Church.

Harry A. Grant

Former Greenbelter Harry A. "Gus" Grant, 88, died on Wednesday, January 21, 2004, in Woodbridge, Va.

Mr. Grant and his wife moved into Greenbelt in the summer of 1947, settling into 10-J Southway. In the summer of 1953 the growing family moved to 19-C Ridge Road.

Many Greenbelters will remember "Gus" for his enthusiastic love of sports, especially golf and basketball.

He is survived by Margaret, his wife of 64 years, children Peggy and Al, five grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

A service to celebrate his life will be held Saturday, March 27 at 3 p.m. at Old Bridge United Methodist Church in Woodbridge, Va. All are welcome.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to the Hospice of Northern Virginia.



Greenbelt Community Church

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Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	8:45 a.m.	Fellowship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
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On Saturday, March 20 at 6 p.m. the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood will lead a Seder in the synagogue. Why is this unique Seder held ahead of Passover? It will be a multi-traditional, music-rich, reconstructed Seder that will give individuals and families experiences, ideas, songs and recipes to enrich their home celebrations.

The Haggadah compiled by Sisterhood members includes the narrative of Passover blended with personal stories of modern liberation. Seder plates will reflect the Ashkenazi and Sephardi traditions. The gourmet kosher food, served family style, will represent the rich and varied cultural heritage of the Jewish people.

This will be a family affair, starting and ending with song, in which all can participate in the retelling of the Passover story. Each participant will go home with a Haggadah including songs and recipes.

Reservations are required. For more information, call Annie Haber at 301-345-8475 or email mtsisterhood@hotmail.com.

Patuxent Program

Join in a celebration of 101 years of conservation on National Wildlife Refuges. This event will feature Billy B, the Natural Science Song and Dance Man; wildlife tram season kickoff; nature hikes; interpretive programs; exhibits; live animals and more. The event is free and will occur rain or shine on Saturday, March 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge National Wildlife Visitor Center. For information call 301-497-5887.

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-The Holy Quran 4:135

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mal. Pit Bull dogs are another problem. They are currently prohibited in the county although Hall expects the courts to overturn the law. Dogs being left all day on apartment building balconies are another problem, she said.

There are also problems with wildlife. There were a lot of foxes this year, although none were found to be rabid as happened last year. Free-ranging cats are the biggest problem for carrying rabies, she said. Recently a herd of about six deer came down Ridge Road. One was run over. An abandoned doe was also found in the city, captured and taken to the facility, she recounted.

Greenbelt is becoming known as a pet lover’s town, she says. Hall believes the city is getting the reputation of being a place where you can abandon an animal and it will not be killed. There are lots of abandonments in Greenbelt East, she said.

Davis noted that besides the pet expo, dealing with animal complaints, picking up strays and trying to find persons to adopt abandoned animals, Hall is also responsible for picking up

road kill. The remains are placed in a refrigerator unit for analysis before being disposed.

Skateboard Park

McNeal noted that Greenbelt was a first in the area to provide a dog park. Another first for the area will be the planned skateboard park. It will be located across the service road in front of the Youth Center. Because it is on the Community Center property which has been designated an historic site, an easement for the new facility must be obtained from the Maryland Historic Trust. A preliminary approval has been received, McNeal said.

The city budgeted \$90,000 for the facility. That will not build much of a facility. Now the council is considering a more complex outdoor facility that could cost \$180,000. A design contract is currently being negotiated with noted Wally Hollyday National Skateboard Designs. The location for the facility has been marked off with cones and paint, McNeal said.

McNeal said the city hopes to obtain a funds from Program Open Space grants to pay some of the construction costs. In the

past the city has designated its allocations of these funds only for the purchase of land. However, the governor is threatening to take back unused grant allocations and the city has no new land purchases in the works, Davis said, so that using the funds for park improvements may be the best option.

With the temporary skateboard park at the Charlestowne Village tennis courts, use is permitted only when there is a monitor for insurance purposes. However, McNeal thinks that the city’s insurer will change its requirements and consider it as an outdoor play area like a basketball or tennis court or playground, in which case the new facility may not be monitored. Nor is it certain if there will be either a fee or a permit for its use. One idea is to require users to obtain a permit sticker that will have to be placed on their helmet when using the facility. McNeal says the design is intended to appeal to all different ages and skills.

After the presentations, Davis gave Hall and McNeal heart-shaped boxes of candy.

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to Cheverly.

In 1972 Oliver married Charlie Davis and in 1982 the couple bought a home on Westway, where she now resides. Charlie died in 1989. Soon after his death Davis found she had time on her hands in the evening and began volunteering with the News Review. She has one daughter, Gabriella, who was married last September.

Davis retired from Verizon Communications (formerly C&P Telephone) in 2001, after more than 34 years of service. She recently became engaged to Dave Kelly of Riverdale.

As for Davis’ interests beyond her work on the paper, “I love animals, dogs especially,” she proclaims. She owns a mixed sheltie, a “52-pound mutt named Jack the Dog,” she says affectionately. She has been involved with Lab Rescue and goes to adoption days for Labrador retrievers all over the area, from lower Fairfax to Germantown.

Davis loves to travel and has been to Italy in the last year. She enjoys cooking, especially since she has more time now that she’s retired. The Retired Members Club of her local union

claims Davis as a member.

As a member of the News Review staff, Davis says she prefers the “technical part, the nuts and bolts, the grunt work.” Addressing why she continues as a News Review volunteer, she replied “I like knowing what’s going on. I’ve learned a lot of history about Greenbelt and what’s going on in the community. I like getting the opinions of the people in the community. It makes me feel more like a member . . . like a Greenbelter.”

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with the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) to develop a sibling support group for children ages 8 to 12 who have siblings with special needs.

Within the community Labukas is a member of both the Sodality and Ladies of Charity of St. Hugh’s parish, is a “docent-in-training” at the Greenbelt Museum and a supporting member of the New Deal Café. She also enjoys swimming, ballroom dancing, travel, reading, gardening and for balance in her busy life, yoga and meditation.

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Thursday, March 18, 7:00 pm, Advisory Committee on Trees, Greenbelt Community Center Gallery. All interested persons are welcome to attend. Info: 301-474-8004.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, March 16th & 18th: 10am & 6pm “Ask the Expert-Fruits and Vegetables”
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PUBLIC ACCESS: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, March 17th & 19th: 7:00pm “Lions Club Meeting of February 2004”
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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

8000 block Mandan Road, February 29, 2:42 a.m., a man reported that he had exited his vehicle and was walking in the parking lot when he was approached from behind by the two alleged robbers, one armed with what appeared to be a shotgun and the other armed with a handgun. They announced a robbery and obtained a wallet, keys and a cellular telephone from the man and then fled the area in an unknown direction. The suspects are described as two black males, one 5'8" and one 5'11" each wearing a black coat, blue jeans and a black ski mask.

9200 block Springhill Lane, March 4, 3:41 p.m., a petition was obtained for a 13-year-old resident youth for robbery and assault. The victim, an 8-year-old youth, reported that he left the Springhill Lake Mini Mart when he dropped money onto the ground. When he attempted to get it, the suspect demanded the money and punched the victim in the face. He took the money and walked away.

Weapons

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, March 3, 8:56 a.m., a resident youth was arrested for wearing/carrying a handgun and possession of a handgun by a minor. Police observed the youth walking down the street attempting to push an object to the front of his waistband. Upon seeing the police the youth pulled his shirt down and attempted to flee the area on foot. He was apprehended after a short foot chase and a .38 caliber handgun was located where he was attempting to hide it. The youth was in possession of ammunition of the same caliber as used in the found gun. He was transported to Juvenile Services in Cheltenham pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

9000 block Breezewood Terrace, March 4, 10:16 a.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun in a vehicle. Police responded to a report of suspicious persons loitering around buildings. Upon arriving in the area, they observed persons matching the description getting into a vehicle and leaving the scene. A computer check revealed that the car was bearing tags belonging to another vehicle. The vehicle was stopped and the driver advised that he had no license. Located in the vehicle was a 9mm handgun. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Drugs

5700 block Cherrywood Lane, March 2, 3:00 a.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of ecstasy with intent to distribute in a school zone, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute in a school zone, possession of ecstasy with intent to distribute, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of ecstasy, possession of cocaine, pos-

session of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Police stopped a suspicious vehicle that they had earlier observed driving in the area without headlights. A computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license. The driver was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected MDMA (ecstasy), a quantity of suspected "crack" cocaine, a quantity of suspected powder cocaine and a scale commonly used to weigh illegal drugs. A computer check revealed that a passenger in the vehicle, also a nonresident, had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. Both suspects were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of the warrant.

DWI

5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, February 28, 11:19 p.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Beltway Plaza Mall, February 29, 2:50 a.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Theft

9100 block Edmonston Court, March 2, a stolen 2003 Honda Accord 4-door was recovered the same day after a citizen familiar with the car observed it being driven by someone other than the owner. The citizen followed the vehicle and when the suspect exited the vehicle the two engaged in a physical altercation. The suspect fled the scene and the citizen called the police. A resident youth was arrested for motor vehicle theft, theft and assault. He was transported to Doctor's Hospital for treatment of minor injuries and then released to Juvenile Services in Cheltenham pending action by the Juvenile Justice System

Burglary

6000 block Springhill Drive, March 3, 2:27 a.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with burglary and violation of a protective order. Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress. Upon arriving on the scene a resident woman advised police that the man, who was known to her, entered her residence by way of a bedroom window. The two argued and the suspect fled the scene. It was confirmed that the victim had obtained a warrant for violation of a protective order; police obtained a warrant charging the suspect with burglary. Later in the day the suspect was located at the Greenbelt Metro Station and was arrested. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of the warrants.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were

stolen: a black 1992 Saturn SC 2-door, Maryland tags LCP921, February 27, from the 6100 block Breezewood Court; a green 1992 Toyota Previa van, Maryland tags M321770, February 28, from Beltway Plaza Mall; a tan 1985 Dodge 600 2-door, Florida tags W67ZNU, February 29, from the 7200 block Hanover Drive; a purple 1996 Lincoln Continental 4-door, Maryland tags 254BMJ, February 29, from the 8000 block Mandan Road; a 1991 Toyota Camry 4-door, February 29, from the 6000 block Springhill Drive, recovered March 3 by the Berwyn Heights Police, no arrests; a black 1991 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags KDE163, February 29, from the 6000 block Springhill Drive; a 2000 Chevrolet Monte Carlo 2-door, February 29, from Beltway Plaza Mall, recovered March 3 by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; a red 1993 Honda Civic 2-door, Maryland tags HTR783, March 1, from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; and a silver 2004 Jeep Liberty, Maryland tags 190M723, March 1, from Beltway Plaza Mall.

Reflexology Demo At Doctors Hospital

The Diabetes Care Center's support group continuing education program at Doctors Community Hospital presents a special program on Reflexology Massage by Greenbelter Gwen Vaccaro, RN, HNC and nationally certified massage therapist, March 16 at 7 p.m. The session will take place in the fifth floor classroom in the Ambulatory Surgery Building at 8118 Good Luck Road in Lanham. This free program is open to the public. Call 301-552-5134 to confirm attendance.

Screening Available For Diabetics' Feet

Doctors Community Hospital's Rehabilitation Department will provide a free diabetic foot screening clinic for community residents on Thursday, March 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. on the hospital campus at 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham. The screening will include a foot assessment, an educational video on foot care and a question and answer session. The program will accommodate approximately 20 participants, accepted by appointment only. For more information or to make an appointment, call the Diabetic Foot Screening Information Line at 240-965-8413.

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A Review

Greenbelt Art Centers's “Nunsense II” Is Good for Laughs a Second Time

by Sabine Hentrich

Remember last year’s performance of Dan Goggin’s play “Nunsense” at the Greenbelt Arts Center? Well, director Jeffery Lesniak did it again; he created a crowd-pleaser of a musical with the sequel “Nunsense II.”

This time around the Little Sisters of Hoboken try to reprise the fun they had by putting on a “thank-you program” in their successful variety show formula. This includes a selection of many of the previously loved scenes. Sister Robert Anne’s veil impressions, for example, return after popular demand with a slight twist. (For all who missed the first show – during this part of her performance, the sister pretends to be various different characters by changing the appearance of her nun’s veil.)

One more word to everyone who could not make it last year – this musical is intended for all who can sit back and look at their faith with their sense of humor intact. It is a very silly show about five unusual nuns. One could think of this musical at the other end of the spectrum from Mel Gibson’s new movie, briefly and cleverly mentioned by Sister Mary Paul “Amnesia” to update this version of “Nunsense II.” This is a show one watches for the fun of it, not for intellectual stimulation.

Cast and crew are almost identical to last year’s show. The big exception is Sister Robert Anne (Denise A. Levien) who was played by Amelia Montiero last year. All the other actors are back



Left to right: Dory Cunningham as Sister Mary Paul “Amnesia,” Laura Mastroianni as Sister Mary Leo and Verlene B. Goho as Sister Mary Hubert appear in GAC's Nunsense II.

to reprise their successful roles. The Reverend Mother (Barbara Ying) has now lost all inhibitions in her voice and puts on a rock solid performance. Her hand gestures were particularly amazing. It seems like she can make every finger of her hand move exactly in the direction she wants it to.

Sister Mary Hubert (Varlene Biddings Goho) and Sister Mary Paul “Amnesia” (Dory Cunningham) had plenty of opportunity to show off both their comic talent and their voices. Cunningham was back with her ventriloquist performance – always a sure way to earn the audience’s roar of laughter – with the aid of her puppet, Sister Annette, a “nun” who doesn’t mince words.

Sister Mary Leo (Laura Mastroianni), the “prima-ballerina” of the ensemble, had a chance to prove that she cannot only dance but also skate like a pro. Levien, as the only newcomer in the cast, blended in perfectly with the more experienced “nuns.” Just like Montiero last year, Levien

found the haughtiness in this role and played it to its fullest.

Although one could argue that the show is a bit repetitious – writer Goggin employed many of his tried and true recipes with this show – there is certainly a wealth of new, endearing songs one will be humming while leaving the theater. Song-wise, the second act is particularly satisfying with ballads like “We’re the Nuns to Come to When You’re Gone” and “There’s Only One Way to

End Your Prayers.” Additionally the live-band is back in action and sounds a lot less overwhelming than they were last year. The volume was just perfect and didn’t distract at all from the singers.

It was obvious that the cast and crew had a lot of fun putting on this show. Lesniak mentioned in his director’s notes that many people have focused on all the news scandals that have shaken the Catholic Church in recent years and therefore cautions everyone to “keep our sense of humor: that is what this show is all about.” He truly believes that “one could be a Catholic and still have a warped sense of humor.”

Keeping this in mind – and the fact that many Greenbelters thoroughly enjoyed last year’s performance – the Arts Center invites people to join them for “Nunsense II” on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through March 27 with Sunday matinees on March 14 and 21 at 2 p.m.

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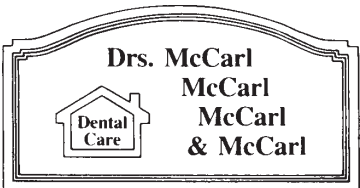
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March Artful Afternoon Offered A Multi-Cultural Experience

by Agnes Conaty

It was a charming Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center when performance artist Joyce Jefferson, Dakota historian Joyzelle Godfrey and cultural anthropologist Lilah Pengra took us back to 19th century South Dakota in their moving story and song interpretation of family and community events surrounding the Afro-American, native American Indian and Euro-American matriarchs. Each of them performed superbly.

After the “Three Voices . . . Speaking from the Past,” Godfrey entertained us with an animated “Lakota/Dakota” folk tale. She also showed us how to produce “piezo-electricity” by rubbing two quartz stones together.

Pengra’s bead stringing craft was a favorite of mine. Her bead collection included miniature Russian wooden doll-like beads, glass beads from India, terra cotta beads, Chinese porcelain

beads and Mexican chili peppers among others. I felt it was symbolic to string together beads from various cultures to make one beautiful, ornate necklace.

I also liked Jefferson’s creative writing workshop where we composed poetry and made some background drawings about our composition. I dedicated my poem “Heralding Spring” to Joyce Jefferson for her endearing performance and soulful music.



Performers Lilah Pengra, Joyzelle Godfrey and Joyce Jefferson captivate the audience with their stories and songs.

Thirty-six pieces ranging from ceramic clay sculptures, ceramic tiles, photographs, watercolor crayon and acrylic paintings, woven rugs, applique and quilts, beaded works, glass mosaic, stamped fabrics, sewn costumes make up the Faculty Exhibition through April 10. I chanced upon some of the artists who are currently offering classes at the Community Center.

I missed the gallery reception for Elizabeth Morisette, whose exhibit, “Found on ebay: Mixed Media Tapestries” can be found at the Greenbelt Municipal Building until March 19.

Morisette has some of her works at the Faculty Exhibition as well.

As I made my rounds of the open studios upstairs, I collected my three pieces of clay pottery projects made at last month’s Artful Afternoon. I was ecstatic to find them glazed and looking quite nice for a souvenir.

I am getting to be a familiar face at the Artful Afternoons, which incidentally have been a priority on my first Sunday afternoon appointment book. I heard that next month’s feature will be a mixed-media mural workshop with artist-in-residence Marla McLean on April 4. You can be sure that I will be there.



information contact Morisette at rugworks@comcast.net.

The recreation department is also sponsoring a faculty exhibition in the Community Center through April 10. The “faculty” are the artists who teach classes through the center. It is another varied collection, featuring sculptures, painting, tapestries, ceramics and clothing designed for plays. More than a dozen artist/instructors are on exhibit. Included are antique beadwork by Helen M. Rowe, ceramics, costumes designed by Michelle Rudolph and ceramic tiles by Katie Scott-Childress.

This exhibit is child friendly and the recreation department has developed “i spy,” a gallery guide for children and their grown up friends. The guide suggests ways of looking at the art and includes a contest for those children who fill in answers to questions about the exhibit. Most of these artists/teachers will be teaching classes which start in March. The spring catalogue is available at the Community Center. This exhibit is open when the Community Center is open.



Young and old make necklaces with beads from all over the world at the bead stringing craft table.

New Deal Café Exhibits Sucher Watercolor Show

by Shirl Hayes

Dorothy Sucher, former psychotherapist and writer, is displaying her watercolor landscapes of Vermont at the New Deal Café until the end of March. The Art Reception was held Sunday night, March 7 at 7 p.m. About 40 or so people braved the wet weather to enjoy the work and the hors d’oeuvres catered by Ellen Siegel.

Sucher’s work embodies her love of nature and moods of the seasons. Some of the paintings are studies of plants she grows herself. The “African Violets” painting contains delicate washes of color with the occasional eye-catching bit of purple and pink. The leaves are well drawn and seem to have grown on the paper.

Many of the works use the color palettes of spring or autumn, catching the changeable, transient nature of these transitional seasons. Some, like the “Woodland Stream,” revel in earthy shades of browns, rusts, grays and dark greens. Patches of nearly un-

painted paper and color washes complete the illusion of a cold, running stream reflecting sunlight back into the trees. The “Woodland Pond,” in contrast, being mostly painted in differing tones of green with hints of color, conveys a calm, contemplative mood.

The largest piece, “Dancing,” captures Sucher’s three-year-old granddaughter Rachel playing in a pool of sunlight and surrounded by the wealth of the Vermont garden. The ferns in the painting are tropical looking and the whole image conveys warmth not usually associated with Vermont, even in the summer. Sucher’s goal is not to capture nature photo-realistically, but rather to convey her vision of “the joyous, dancing rhythms of life and growth.”

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